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MINORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Protection of the DCI

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I. This memorandum is for information only.

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2. Pursuant to your request to Mr. Chief,
Security Staff, O/DCl, there is attached a report from the
Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security dated August 27,
1951, subject: Defense Against Assessination Attempts on the Livea
of Certain Government Officials, sets forth recommendations by
ICIS for protection of certain key officials in Government.

3. In regard to Recommendation No. 1 of the report.

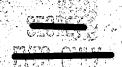
"Alerting certain members of the Government to the over present threat to them, of their official responsibility for taking ressonable sufeguards, and of those measures which would increase the odds against a would-be assassin";

General Walter Bedell Smith was briefed by J. Fatrick Coyno, NSC Representative for Internal Security, on October 8, 1951. In regard to Recommendation No. 3,

"Planning by experts for the institution of a bodyguard-type of protective system over those officials espectial to the making of bread national decisions and actions when, and if, advance indication is given of the probability of impending attack upon them",

the Security Staif of the DCI was organized to carry out this responsibility.

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- 4. The protective system for the DCI is set up not only to protect the DCI but to supure the protection of cignified information he needs while he is away from the Meadquayters Entiting. The protective system is revised to most the day-to-day nituation and so declared by the DCL. The Office of Security is in contact on a continuing basis with ICIS, the Secret Service, the Fiel, and State and local law enforcement officials to obtain the larger information and associate on the subject of protection of key individuals in Corrected
- 5. Events in the fast eight to for years have clearly indicated to the undersigned that, ortage for the Previous of the Valled States, the Director of Contral Intelligence to more vulnerable to peadible eitempts or kis life or other emberrassment than members of the Cablass. This is die to the fact that he is inevitably a target for bostile foreign intelligence agencies and as has been found, frequantity is most apt to be the subject of aggressive action by cranks. This Office in the past has had to put several persons in St. Librabeth's who were ladeed threatening the safety of the Director. I erge that operago cominta otequate minimus coverago to an extent which will not embarrace you but which will afford

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protection. The attached plan propaged by Mr. lia accordance 25X1A9a with your conversations with him should, I believe, be cally sed pastific to provide coverage of your residence up to the hours of midnight at least and, of course, later if future events warrant that action. I will be glad to brief you further on this matter at any

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